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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Takashi NAKAI et al.

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING COMPACT FROM  
POWDER (as previously amended)

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Examiner: Mr. William P. BELL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 2, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 15, and 16, and in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Exhibits A and B** are attached at the end of this paper.

**A Request for Continued Examination** accompanies this paper.

**A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement** will be filed following this paper.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for this Preliminary Amendment.

However, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment, or if a further petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any such fees, and Applicant hereby petitions for any needed extension of time.